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ON ISLAND VACATION... and wearing the traditional lei of plumeria flowers and watching Diamond Head are Mr. and Mrs. John Melville, 1812 El Prado; shown on board the Matson luxury liner, Lurline, as it steams into Honolulu harbor. Mr. and Mrs. Melville plan a trip to the neighbor island of Kauai before returning home. Making the trip with them are friends, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shehadey of Fresno.

## Jean Lynn Wilcoxon Becomes Mrs. Richard Spaan on May 6

Calvary Presbyterian Church in Wilmington was the setting on May 6 at 3:30 p.m. for the wedding in which Miss Jean Lynn Wilcoxon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilcoxon, 4408 Lucera Circle, Palos Verdes, exchanged wedding vows with Richard Spaan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spaan, 26388 Lucille Ave., Lomita.

Candles were lighted before the ceremony by Sally Boyce of Lomita and Betty Lou Prince of Long Beach, both wearing pink formal and wrist corsages.

Mrs. Ester Scott at the organ played the wedding marches and accompanied Frank League who sang "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing" and "The Lord's Prayer."

For the double-ring ceremony the bride came to the altar on the arm of her father. Her wedding gown was of Chantilly lace and nylon fashioned with a fitted bodice and a five-tiered ruffled skirt. Her fingertip veil was held by a pearl-trimmed Juliet cap and she carried a bouquet of orchid and valley lilies. Her only jewelry was a strand of pearls, gift from the bridegroom.

Ann Shaw served as the matron of honor, wearing yellow organdy and a yellow picture hat. Her bouquet was of orchid carnations. Misses Margaret Spaan and Pat Egan were bridesmaids. Their gowns were of orchid organdy and each carried yellow carnations.

Beth Gibson, cousin of the bride, wearing green organdy, was the flower girl and ring bearer. Ricky Wilcoxon, brother of the bride.

J. Kenneth Spaan served as his brother's best man and ushers were William Boyes and Mickey Sooter.

The Rev. Francis Rhodes officiated at the marriage and a reception followed for the 322 wedding guests.

The couple then left for a honeymoon at Big Bear and Las Vegas. They are now at home at 28837 Narbonne Ave., Lomita.

The bride was graduated from Banning High School and Harbor Junior College. She was a member of G.A.A., Tri-B. Job's Daughters. She is a member of Theta Chi Omega sorority and is employed at a Wilmington bank.

The bridegroom was gradu-

## MRS. KING NAMED TO PHI BETA KAPPA

Mrs. Elaine Clemons King, 11717 Palda Ave., a senior, was named to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic society, according to Dr. Arthur Knodel, president of the University of Southern California chapter.

The group of 21 men and women were initiated May 8 at a 5 p.m. ceremony in Hancock Auditorium.

Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776 at William and Mary College and is the oldest scholastic society in the United States.

## Farewell for AFIS Pupils

Anga Lukkanen of Finland will be the featured speaker at the bon voyage party honoring foreign students who have been attending the two local high schools during the past school year.

The affair will be held in the evening of May 22 at the YWCA on Carson St. The speaker is past chairman of the Finnish AFIS program and is in charge of returned students who have studied in this country.

Following her appearance she will be the guest for a few days at the home of Mrs. L. M. Nash of Rolling Hills.



MRS. RICHARD SPAAN, JR. ... Recites Vows

## Entertain In New Home

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNeil, 3813 Sonoma, was the setting last Saturday evening for a delightful dinner party which celebrated the birthday of Mrs. McNeil.

Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Haight of Arcadia; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jordan, Downey; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy O'Conner of Los Angeles. Mrs. O'Conner is the former Mary McLain of Torrance.

Others at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Given of Inglewood. Children of the couples present were: Jack and Jean McNeil, Ceila Haight, Kert Jordan, Bryan O'Conner and Tedd Given.



MRS. JOHN WHITNEY BEEMAN  
... Heads Hospital Auxiliary.

## Torrance Hospital Auxiliary Names Officers for 1956-57

Mrs. John Whitney Beeman, 1518 El Prado, has been elected president of the Torrance Memorial Hospital auxiliary for the 1956-57 year. Mrs. Beeman, whose husband is a Torrance physician, has resided here for the past 18 years. She is a charter member of the hospital auxiliary.

The Beemans have two children, Jack and Janel. Jack is a pre-medical student at Occidental College and Janel is a senior at the Chadwick school. She plans to enter the University of Colorado next fall to major in psychology.

Mrs. Beeman was elected president of the auxiliary at its meeting held at a Walters restaurant on May 8. Elected to serve with her are Mrs. R. Hingham, first vice president; Mrs. R. S. Sleeth Jr., second vice president; Mrs. J. G. Anderson, third vice president; Mrs. Paul Winn, recording secretary; Mrs. E. Liehina, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. Wets, treasurer.

Directors are Mrs. Ralph McNeil and Mrs. Eugene Cook. New officers will be installed at a luncheon meeting at Portuguese Bend Club on June 12.

Following the luncheon and election the members spent the afternoon making attractive tray favors for patients at Torrance Hospital to be used on "Hospital Day," May 12.

## Baby Shower For Mrs. Rojo

Pale green and yellow was the color theme for an attractive baby shower honoring Mrs. Robert Rojo given by Mrs. Leroy Pullian and Mrs. Richard Rojo at the latter's home on Calm Hill.

Upon the arrival of guests, a baby picture-bearing name was pinned to their gifts. When the gifts were presented to the honoree, the name which she had chosen for the expected baby was declared the winner of a prize. Those winning for girl and boy names were Mrs. Wesley Vokes and Mrs. Arthur Celio.

Guests attending included Misses John Sheppard, Carl Dieterich, Arthur Celio, Lester Hardy, William Rojo, Pat Patten, Wesley Vokes, Elmer Kane, Fred Powers, Florence Rojo, Roger Raymond, Bud Mulzerf, Dale Hooper, James Monroe, Ardy Vokes and Miss Jannette Monroe.

## RETURNS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Beecher of 1024 Felbar will bid farewell to Mrs. John McGrath, mother of Mrs. Beecher, who will leave for her home in Minnesota today after visiting with the local couple since mid-March.

During the visit of Mrs. McGrath she welcomed a new grandson, Stuart, who was born April 6. It was the Beechers' second son. Their first is John, age 2.

## Miss Lisman, Bride-Elect, Is Honored

Miss Barbara Lisman, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Lisman, whose wedding to John Wilbert Abouchar will be a beautiful event of Sunday, June 3, at the Calvary Presbyterian church, was complimented at a lovely luncheon and shower last Saturday afternoon.

Hostesses for the party were Mrs. Grover Whyte and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Work. For the bridal shower the Whyte home, 1620 Post Ave., was effectively decorated in an all-white theme.

The luncheon table was centered with an epergne holding white candles and white daisies. White streamers extended from the centerpiece to each place. At the end of each streamer were miniature arrangements of wedding bells and lilies of the valley.

The guest list included: Mrs. Phillip Lisman, Mrs. Ralph George, Mrs. James A. Post, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. William Parker, Mrs. Richard Arbenz, Miss Pat Mullin, Mrs. Damon Rude, Mrs. Mel Gilmour, Mrs. Robert O. Smith, Mrs. John Schwartz, and Miss Joyce Franzen.

## AT STATE GARDEN CLUB CONVENTION

Members of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club were in charge of the decorating for the banquet Friday evening for the State Federation of Garden Clubs' state convention at the Biltmore Hotel.

Those attending the affair were Misses Parke Montague, Ralph Russell, Thomas McCutcheon, John Thuss, Minot Ruggs, A. C. Turner and Victor Benstead.

The garden club will entertain at a pot luncheon on May 23 at the Torrance Park when their guests will be members of the Beau Jardin Garden Club.

## April 27 Wedding Unites Mrs. Ray Rogers-Ray Richards

Honeymooning in Mexico City are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Richards who were married in Yuma, Ariz., on April 27. Mrs. Richards is the former Mrs. Ray Rogers, 1605 Beech Ave. The wedding culminates a several years acquaintance.

Mrs. Rogers came to Torrance in 1922. Last year she was president of the Torrance Woman's club and this year is serving as auditor on the executive board. Other than Woman's club activities, Mrs. Rogers has been affiliated with the Torrance Red Cross chapter. She is the mother of Bill Rogers, 1744 Iris Ave., John Rogers, 2300 W. 231st St., and Ray Rogers, of Redondo.

Mr. Richards, who formerly lived in Oceanside, is retired. The couple plan to spend six weeks in Mexico City. They will return to Torrance before leaving for the east for an extended tour.

After the eastern trip, they will be at home at 1605 Beech Ave.



MRS. F. W. H. VAN OPPEN  
... District Officer

## Mrs. Van Oppen Elected to District Delphian Office

A Torrance organization, the Kappa chapter of Delphian Society, was honored during the past week when a member, Mrs. F. W. H. Van Oppen, 333 Calle Mayor, was elected treasurer of the Los Angeles District Assembly of Delphian chapters for 1956-57. The election took place at the district luncheon meeting held at Coconut Grove, Ambassador Hotel, in Los Angeles last Wednesday.

The local woman was born in Rotterdam, Holland. She was educated in The Hague and lived for a short time in Mexico. Mrs. Van Oppen has served as president and treasurer of the Gardens PTA; president and treasurer of the Gardens Women's club, and treasurer of the Eastern Star chapter of Gardens.

Other members of the local chapter attending the Los Angeles meeting were Mrs. H. M.

Davis, Mrs. L. G. Jones, Mrs. R. F. Manning and her guest, Mrs. Leonard Heron; Mrs. J. N. Hawkins, Mrs. F. A. Sullivan, Mrs. Robert MacNicol and her guest, Miss Meroula.

## PALO ALTO TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harestad of 2849 Onrado spent the past week end as guests of Mrs. Charlene Deutschman of Palo Alto. The hostess is a former classmate of Mrs. Harestad. They attended the University of Oregon.



MISS ROBERTA LONG  
... Fall Bride-elect

## Roberta Long's Engagement To James Spivey Announced

Of interest to a large circle of friends of both families is the announcement being made this morning by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ervin Long, 1221 Date Ave., of the engagement of their daughter, Roberta Beverly, to James Douglas Spivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Parmer G. Spivey, 2431 Lomita Blvd., Lomita.

The bride-elect, whose family has lived in Torrance for almost 20 years, was graduated from Torrance High where she was active in campus affairs. Miss Long is now employed at the Edison Co. in Redondo Beach.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Narbonne High School, where he also was active in school affairs, and was a member of the football team. He is now attending USC and will receive his science degree next month. At the university, he is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and has served as vice-president during the past year.

An early fall wedding is being planned by the couple.